

## BOSTON STRANGLER ESCAPES!

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. (AP) — Albert DeSalvo, the Boston strangler who reportedly killed 13 women, escaped from Bridgewater State hospital today where he has been a mental patient for more than two years. His absence was discovered at 6:20 a.m., a State Correction Department official said. The notorious inmate took with him

two other mental patients — Fred E. Erickson, 40, Brockton, and George W. Harrison, 33, Westford. Erickson was under life sentence for murder and Harrison was convicted last November for armed robbery.

DeSalvo was described by his attorney, F. Lee Bailey, as "a completely uncontrollable vegetable walking

around in a human body." Bailey said DeSalvo admitted the sex slayings of 13 women in eastern Massachusetts between June, 1962 and January, 1964. Bridgewater is a state mental institution with a section for detention of mentally ill persons with criminal records. It is some 25 miles south of Boston. State police raced to the hospital area

with bloodhounds and fanned out in a wide search through deep snow. Joining the hunt for the three dangerous escapees were hospital guards and local police.

The searchers followed footprints in the snow which led to a wall near a staging used in construction under way at the hospital. Police said the men apparently

moved the staging to a lower section of the wall and climbed over the outer wall. Hospital Supt. Charles Gaughan said the men were on the second floor of a building which also housed elderly and sick patients.

"It appears they used some instrument or simulated key to open the reinforced wooden cell doors," Gaughan said.

"There is no indication the doors were forced." He said hospital officers were quite sure the men were in their beds when checked at 5:15 a.m. Gaughan said the trio got out of the building down a shaft where an elevator is being installed. He said the men apparently were wearing hospital clothing. Gaughan said "it must be understood Bridgewater is

not a prison. We're looking for murderers in a hen coop."

Beyond the wall, the police search spread out on a house-to-house basis through the town of Bridgewater with a population of some 30,000. All roads within a five-mile radius were blocked. Cars along route 18, main road between Bos-



ALBERT DeSALVO  
The 'Boston Strangler'

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## OH, NO! HERE WE GO AGAIN!

### North Viet Under U.S. Artillery

#### 'Junction City' Troops Fail To Find Reds

By Associated Press

U.S. headquarters announced today that American forces have begun shelling North Vietnam with the long-range artillery based in South Vietnam for the first time in the war.

The announcement came as about 45,000 American troops pushed behind tanks through jungles of the Communist War Zone C, 70 miles northwest of Saigon, in the biggest offensive of the war. But they failed to find Communist units of any size.

The operation, nicknamed "Junction City", will bleed the Communists of any capability they may have had to attack, Pentagon sources predicted.

19 CONG DEAD

U.S. troops reported killing 19 Viet Cong so far in the operation, and the Communists responded with at least two mortar shellings of American positions. U.S. headquarters said American casualties were light so far.

Though contact with the enemy troops was light, more than a half dozen tanks and other tracked vehicles struck land mines which tore off their tracks. Five U.S. Army helicopters were shot down by enemy ground fire, but U.S. spokesman said all five were lifted from the battle area and casualties totaled three wounded.

The massive assault, launched Wednesday, deployed the U.S. troops in a pincer drive against possibly 10,000 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese soldiers making up the Viet Cong 9th Division and support units.

'TOO EARLY'

A U.S. military spokesman said it was "too early in the operation to say" why contact was so light, although he did not rule out the possibility the Communists are attempting to escape across the nearby Cambodian border.

The first use of land artillery against North Vietnam was announced in a brief special communique which said: "The use of artillery based in South Vietnam against military targets in and north of the demilitarized zone has begun. This action is designed to supplement air strikes against military targets in the DMZ area, particularly at night and in periods of bad weather."

U.S. planes have been bombing North Vietnam for two years and ships of the U.S. 7th Fleet have bombarded the North Vietnamese coast for the last five months.

### Snowstorm Leaves Net Slate In Air

The status of several area basketball games scheduled for tonight were in doubt this morning as this paper went to press.

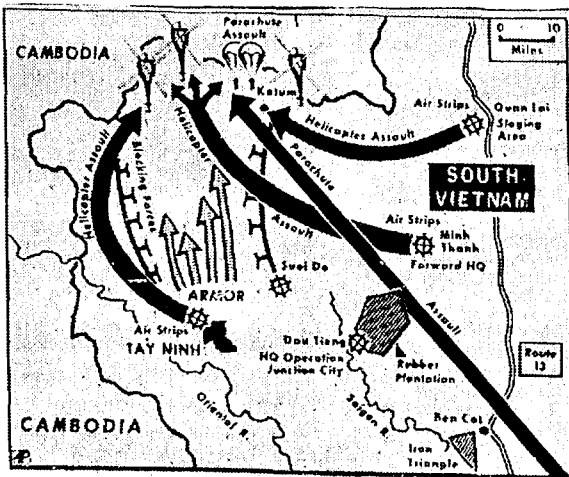
Athletic directors at the various schools were to make decisions by noon as to when and if the games were to be played.

Several indicated that games would be re-scheduled for Saturday night if not played tonight.



**SEVEN HOURS TO FREEDOM:** Pfc. Robert L. Hill, 19-year-old paratrooper from Kansas City, Mo., makes a 120-foot leap to the ground from a tree after being stuck there seven hours. He was one of the GIs taking part in America's first combat parachute drop of the war near the Cambodian border as U.S. forces unleashed its biggest offensive of the Vietnam conflict. Hill's parachute billowed out cushioning his fall to the ground and he was not injured.

(AP Wirephoto via radio from Saigon)



**HOW IT WORKS:** This map details the routes and locations of massive parachute-helicopter assaults launched against Viet Cong forces near the Cambodian border in South Vietnam. The Junction City operation was designed to block Viet Cong from escaping across the border while armored units swept VC positions. The location of the blocking forces, the target of parachute forces and the area of helicopter landing zones are indicated. Information for this map was provided by AP staff photographers and writers on the scene.

(AP Wirephoto)

### New Troy Pair Leap From Flaming House

**NEW TROY**—Clem Sparks and his wife awoke at 4 a.m. today to find their home on Log Cabin road, a half-mile south of New Troy, all ablaze and were forced to jump from a window to escape, according to Weesaw township firemen. Nobody was injured.

When three trucks from Weesaw and one truck from the

Sawyer fire department arrived firemen said the home was engulfed in flames and beyond saving. Firemen said they do not know how the fire started. The home and its contents were a total loss, they added. Sparks operates a filling station and garage on Red Arrow highway in Sawyer.

### Snow Piles Up; More Coming

#### Weatherman Hits Berrien With Eight To 14-Inch Fall During Night

Still weary from the paralyzing effects of a record 24-inch snowfall Jan. 26, residents of Berrien county this morning were struggling to dig out from under eight to 14 inches of snow that fell overnight.

Adding to their woes was a biting wind, chilly temperatures and a forecast for more snow this afternoon and tonight along the Lake Michigan shoreline. The mercury was expected to drop to near zero.

Areas outside of Berrien county appeared to have escaped the intense local snowfall that seemed to have its center in a narrow band from the Twin Cities to Bridgman.

Fourteen inches of new snow was reported at Stevensville as of 7 a.m. today, and the Twin Cities had 12 inches. Most other parts of the county generally reported 8 to 9 inches.

An arc around Berrien county from South Haven to Pav Paw and Cassopolis received only two to three inches.

**SCHOOLS CLOSE**

With only a single exception, all schools in Berrien county were closed today by the heavy fall, and several industrial firms in the Twin Cities stayed closed.

County and city snowplow crews, still sensitive from the record snow four weeks ago, managed to stay ahead of the snowfall on main roads by working much of the night.

A low moisture content made the snow light, and generally allowed traffic to move. Law enforcement agencies reported, however, the streets were extremely slippery, and a number of drivers stalled when they skidded and plunged out into snowbanks.

The Weather Bureau at Grand Rapids said extremely cold air aloft was moving over western Michigan today, and this condition was "very conducive to heavy-type snow flurries". Forecasters said occasional heavy squalls could be expected at any time through today and tonight, with some snow still possible Saturday morning.

**PROTECTION**

Because of a heavy cloud cover expected to prevail along the Lake Michigan shoreline, temperatures along the lake tonight will reach a low of about zero, according to the weather bureau. But areas inland 20 miles and more expects lows of 5-below to 10-below.

Arnold Hafer, foreman of the

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### Prosecutor Protests Guilty Plea

#### Wanted More Serious Charge

**CASSOPOLIS**—Walter Nowles, 22, pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of second degree murder during his arraignment before Cass Circuit Judge David Anderson.

Nowles is accused in connection with the death Oct. 7 of 82-year-old Grover Morse of Cassopolis.

Judge Anderson yesterday accepted the second degree guilty plea over the protest of Assistant Cass Prosecutor Herman Saitz. Nowles in December had been bound to circuit court on a first degree murder charge.

Saitz told the court yesterday he had talked with Cass Prosecutor Jerry O'Connor about two weeks ago and was told by O'Connor a second degree plea would be unacceptable to the prosecution, which wanted the more serious charge. O'Connor was reported out of town for several days.

Defense counsel George Keller of Niles said his client would plead guilty to a charge of second degree murder.

Judge Anderson said he would accept a second degree murder charge and Nowles was remanded to the county jail, pending sentencing.

Morse was found dead in his home at Darwin and First streets. An autopsy indicated he had been severely beaten and choked.

Nowles, a Chicago trucking and dock worker, was born and reared in Cassopolis.



WALTER NOWLES



**KNEE DEEP:** Sandy Beaman of Watervliet wades deep snow on Benton Harbor's East Main street as fresh blizzard snarls Twin Cities area. Miss Beaman encountered bad driving conditions on I-94 but managed to reach her job as secretary at the Michigan League Budget Service, 133 East Main. (Staff photo)

### 'House Is On Fire' Boy Tells Mother

#### New Buffalo Family Loses Everything In Blaze

BY WILLIAM RUMBLER  
South Berrien Bureau

**NEW BUFFALO**—A young widow was cooking supper for herself and four small children Thursday evening when the 5-year-old boy ran out of a bedroom screaming "The house is on fire!"

Mrs. Sharon Thomas got the children out of the house on West Detroit street without harm. But when New Buffalo city and township firemen had the blaze out an hour and a half later, the two-story frame home next door to the west elementary school had been burned out and all the family's possessions were destroyed.

Escaping with Mrs. Thomas were her children, Katherine, 7; Rodney, 6; Ricky, 5, and Vickie, 3. Her husband, Richard Thomas, died about eight months ago.

Mrs. Thomas said Ricky told her he had been playing with matches in the bedroom. When he burned his fingers on one of the matches, he threw the burning match onto a pillow on the bed.

**AFRAID TO TELL**

The boy was afraid to say anything to his mother immedi-

ately. He told his mother he became scared when the entire bed broke into flames and then ran to the kitchen to tell her of the fire.

The two-story frame house is owned by Mrs. Thomas' sister-in-law, Mrs. Grace Stasinos, who lives next door. The Thomas family now is staying with Mrs. Stasinos.

Township fire chief Don Wilson estimated the loss at \$8,500. The township fire department sent two trucks and the city department one truck to the scene.

The Thomas home was the second home destroyed by fire started by children playing with matches in New Buffalo in recent months. The Gary Richards home on Mayhew street was burned out by a match-started fire in December.

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### Honored By Twin Cities Jaycees

Atty. Taylor,  
Willard Cited

The Twin Cities Jaycees' top community awards last night were presented to Richard Willard, executive vice president of Farmers and Merchants National bank, and Atty Ronald Taylor, Benton township clerk.

Willard was honored as "boss of the year" and Taylor received the Jaycees distinguished service award. The presentations were made at a banquet in Win Schuler's restaurant, Stevensville.

Taylor and Willard are prominent in community affairs, both professionally on a volunteer basis. Taylor did not seek re-election as township clerk and will leave that office in April to devote full time to private law practice.

### Government May Fall

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Mounting returns in India's elections imperiled the ruling Congress party's majority in Parliament today and confronted Prime Minister Indira Gandhi with a crisis that could bring down her government.

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Politics is a contradictory art, best described as the means of rendering possible the impossible.

It is the oldest known relationship in the human species, reaching back into the dim, unrecorded past when our cave men ancestors decided a better life could be attained by banding together tribally rather than dwelling in isolated families.

As society refined this loose confederation into a more sophisticated system called nationalism, politics grew apace. Today, whether one lives under a democracy such as the United States or in a confused dictatorship such as Red China, politics exists as a mass lobbyism of conflicting interests and personalities which must somehow be rationalized into harmonious co-existence lest the particular nation or society fly apart.

Nationalities and races vary considerably from one area to another. This means the politics of each country takes on characteristics not to be found elsewhere, and from this it is not too much to say that international brotherhood and world peace depend on each country learning how the other fellow ticks. This is a trick the UN has yet to master and explains in good measure the failure that it is.

Stemming from the days of Andrew Jackson who following his inauguration in 1829 replaced the Whig payrollers en masse with his Democratic friends, it has been an axiom in the U.S. brand of politics that the pie should be passed around.

Permitting any one sector or any special group to gather all the plums unto itself is regarded as the most effective means of stirring lethal opposition at the polls come the next election.

All generalities are subject to modifications and the Jacksonian principle of "to the victors belong the spoils" is no exception.

For generations, antedating Jackson for that matter, it has been common practice for American officialdom to pad a relative or two, sometimes, the entire family, to the payroll. The practice is called nepotism which derives from an obsolete term, nepote, meaning nephew.

Originally, nepotism meant the favoring of nephews. It arose in the ancient times of hereditary government when the reigning monarch had no son to take the throne but was surrounded by numerous sons of brothers and sisters. The monarch's sympathetic treatment of one nephew against other family members was the first sense in the word, nepotism.

Today, as Webster's Third International indicates, nepotism has assumed the broader meaning of "bestowal of patronage by reason of relationship rather than merit."

Nepotism is not confined to politics.

It is common in the business world.

During the 1930's Depression, when many of the movie makers were running through one financial wringer after another, one cause of their troubles was traced to the top management and the producers having a surplus of incompetent relatives drawing salaries. The bankers who finally came to the rescue insisted first that the movie moguls disperse with that private cheering section.

In spite of that example, the condition persists in many organizations that are well advanced beyond the ma and pa version of a small business.

The practice is known throughout history to religious orders.

It can be found in all activities.

Within the political realm, size is no limiting factor.

Putting the wife or a blood relative on the payroll runs the gamut from the county court house to Capitol Hill at Washington.

One unintended revelation in the Adam Clayton Powell hearings is that the Harlem preacher-Congressman is not alone in padding the payroll.

His greatest sin, if such it can be called, was in pocketing his estranged wife's paychecks as a \$20,000 a year secretary in his office.

An Associated Press check earlier this week reveals 47 of the current 538 Representatives and Senators have a wife, an auntie, a brother, even a grandparent as paid staff members, some of them in the bracket of the pay range Mrs. Powell never saw.

Democrats favor the practice three-to-one over their G.O.P. opponents, the exact count being 35 to 12. The proportion seems a trifle high when one considers the total membership in Congress favors the Democrats 310 to 223 for the Republicans. Two seats are not counted in that comparison because of death enforced vacancies.

Whether the practice is good or bad depends on how a Congressman's job is viewed.

In the puristic vein, it would seem one family member on the federal payroll should suffice.

A Congressman draws \$30,000 annual salary, plus a \$5,000 tax exempt expense account, plus free postage, plus office space, plus clerk hire, etc., etc., etc.; and the greater his seniority the longer is the list of the "etc's."

Consequently this self budgeting could strike some \$5 and \$6 thousand constituents back home as being the ultimate in the good life.

Opposed to appearances, however, are certain realities which at least deserve mention.

One is the handling of the office itself.

Theoretically, a Congressman or Senator is supposed to be thinking big thoughts and acting accordingly for the benefit of the nation. This is what the Constitution says anyway.

In practice, he's an errand boy for his own district about 95 per cent of the time.

Today's population of some 180 million Americans means that each Representative speaks on the average for nearly 414,000 people. He can count on at least five to ten per cent of them bombarding him with all sorts of requests and favors. Only a minute fraction of those communications possess genuine merit, but as Charlie Potter, Michigan one-term Senator during the Eisenhower 1952 landslide, learned the hard way in the '58 election, we be to the Congressman who forgets or ignores the home folks.

A Congressman's wife or close relative, if she has any acumen at all, becomes a natural to sift this wheat from the chaff.

Additionally, there is the practical consideration of money itself.

Most Congressmen are not specially well heeled in their own right. By the time they pay their income tax, find something better than a shack to live in at Washington, do the minimum amount of entertaining, and grease the palm from home front solicitations, that \$30,000 salary has a way of evaporating before it arrives in the mail.

Rep. Neal Smith (D., Iowa) sides with the purists. Since 1961 he has tried unsuccessfully to kill off all governmental nepotism.

The Powell case is the strongest argument for his 1967 bill, but its chances of more than incomplete success are remote.

The embarrassment is there, but not enough people feel sufficiently strong on the subject yet for Congress to extend the logic of the Powell case at this time.

Eight billion meteors strike the earth's atmosphere every day, but only five or six reach the ground. Intense heat from air friction vaporizes all but the largest meteors, the National Geographic says.



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EDITORIAL PAGE

Glancing Backwards—

WHIRLPOOL ADDS NORGE PLANT

—1 Year Ago—  
Whirlpool Corp. has acquired an operating appliance manufacturing plant at Fort Smith, Ark., by lease from Norge division of Borg-Warner and will begin production of refrigerators, freezers and a new central air conditioner there later this year.

The plant, where 1,600 workers are currently turning out refrigeration products for Norge, will give Whirlpool over a million square feet of additional manufacturing space, according to a joint announcement by Whirlpool and Borg-Warner. Whirlpool is acquiring machinery and equipment along with the plant. Norge plans to remain in production at Fort Smith through early summer.

MERCURY NUDGES 60 DEGREES HERE

—10 Years Ago—  
In line with the groundhog's predictions back on Feb. 2, an early spring was quite in evidence throughout southwestern Michigan over the weekend. The mercury rose to a high of 60 degrees this afternoon under nudgings of a balmy south wind.

And more of the same weather was in store for the area tomorrow.

The weatherman predicted a high of 60 to 66 degrees for Monday with a few showers likely. A return of colder temperatures is forecast for late Tuesday, followed by a chance of snow on Wednesday.

LONDON HAILS FDR'S PLEA

—25 Years Ago—  
London morning newspapers gave President Roosevelt's speech prominent places in their columns today, emphasizing his declaration that the United States must fight all around the world and his promise that the Allied powers soon would be able to assume the offensive. Lord Beaverbrook's Express said the president gave a "cold-blooded account of how he means to use the resources of America to beat the Axis in a long-term war." The sketch declared the president "gave the world a tremendous message of confidence and cheer — in the strength of his eloquence, he outvalued Mr. Churchill."

In his talk last night President Roosevelt admonished the American people to prepare themselves for further reverses on the war fronts and even as he spoke an enemy submarine was raking a spot on the California coast with gunfire.

SURPRISE PARTY

—25 Years Ago—  
Twenty guests gave Mrs. George Ellerman a surprise party and gift shower in her home, 2406 South State street.

REVERSE PLAY

—25 Years Ago—  
High school students have played a cute trick by reversing the usual order of procedure and placing the faculty on the stage in a play, "Blundering Billy."

STRAW VOTE

—35 Years Ago—  
Prior to adjournment of the circuit court, the jurors took a straw vote on choice for president and a former President Theodore Roosevelt led all opponents, receiving 13 of the

votes cast. President Taft was second with eight.

OYSTER SUPPER

—75 Years Ago—  
An oyster supper will be given Friday evening in the home of Mrs. J. Hagar for the benefit of the M.E. Sunday school.

You're Telling Me!

By HOYT KING

A noted German medico declares West Germany's soldiers should go on a diet because too many of them are too fat. What's he asking for—for them to fight the Second Battle of the Buge?

A dozen University of Michigan students claim a record after 604 hours of beer drinking. Must have been a barrel of fun.

It's estimated the students gulped over 1,200 bottles of brew—or a total of more than 14,000 ounces. Quite a staggering figure!

A native of Heanor, England claims the title of Britain's unluckiest criminal because the 100 crimes he's committed since 1943 have netted him just \$140 in cash and more than 8,000 days in the hoosegore. Come to think of it—what DO they say about crime?

A Census Bureau survey shows U.S. homes equipped with color TV has jumped from seven to 13 per cent in two years. To the manufacturers that last number is the luckiest!

Incidentally, Zadok Dumkopf reports he checked his coin purse this morning and found a two-bit piece, two jinnies, three coppers and suspender button — all genuine.

Baseball players started the custom of wearing short pants while at play in 1863 — sports page item. They still do — though the game certainly has grown up since then!

TRY AND STOP ME

By BENNETT CERF

A congressman, shaken by what he had seen in a ten-day tour of Viet Nam, sought some relaxation in Japan before returning to Washington. In Tokyo, he ran into a high-flying newspaperman from his hometown, and was immediately steered to the most expensive restaurant in the entire Far East. As the meal came to a close, the newsmen summoned the waiter, and struggling over every syllable, spoke to him in Japanese.

The congressman remarked kiddingly, "Is that all the Japanese you've learned here in over two years?"

"It's enough," the newsmen assured him. "I told him to give you the check."

A one-time president of the New York Central railroad was taken to hear a sermon by the then-Archbishop of Canterbury that dragged on for a full hour. "What do you think of our Archbishop?" he was asked later. "He's excellent," nodded the railroad man, "but he has very poor terminal facilities."

Quickies:  
Hollywood wits are capitaliz-



ing on Governor Ronald Reagan's alleged presidential aspirations. Pat Buttram, for instance, claims, "He's learning fast: I've already seen him pick up his agent by the ears."

In the East, another au courant comic, Pat Henry, notes, "It's now almost a year and a half since the New York World's Fair closed—and Bob Moses has just announced that the Belgian Pavilion is completed."

speaking of YOUR HEALTH

By Lester L. Coleman, M. D.

My son entered a good college last September. He had excellent grades in high school and never was involved with clubs and fraternities.

At the present time his grades are passable but nothing like what they were before. He began to smoke almost immediately after he entered college, insisting he could stop anytime he wanted to. In only six months he is now smoking a pack a day. Do you think there can be any relationship between his poor grades and the fact that he is smoking so excessively?

Mrs. J. D. Coleman  
Dear Mrs. D.: Your problem is so typical that there must be hundreds of thousands of readers who are saying, "That is exactly our problem." In fact, it was my problem, too, until I laid down the no smoking law to my own daughter. This was probably the single restrictive note in the relationship with my daughter.

The evidence is clear and decisive that people who smoke cigarettes are running headlong into eventual problems with their heart, lungs and circulatory systems.

We protect our children by teaching them safety in crossing streets, in playing games, in driving a car and in almost every phase of daily living. We protect them against the cold, vaccinate them against contagious disease and offer them their greatest chance for healthy security. Yet many of us allow them to be exposed to one of the great threats to their lives and happiness by actually being afraid to lay down the law of "don't."

It is an accepted psychological fact that adolescents get their greatest security from the reasonable limits that are set down for them by their parents. You did not restrict your son and fell into the same trap that parents fall into when they listen to their sons say, "all the boys and girls are doing it, and

I can give up to three cigarettes a day anytime I feel like it." Youngsters graduate remarkably quickly from three to five to 20 a day and then stay "hooked" into adulthood. It is then that they realize how difficult it is to stop smoking until some heart or lung condition forces them to do so.

Now about his grades. An interesting study was performed on more than 3,000 freshmen at the University of Illinois. Some very revealing statistics came out of this inquiry about their smoking habits.

Sixty percent of the freshmen did not smoke. Almost half of those who did smoke said they wanted to stop but could not. More than 30 percent smoked at least a pack a day.

Of particular interest was the finding that "the amount of allowance seemed to have a relationship to smoking. When parents gave full financial support the number of freshmen who smoked was above average. Only 20 percent of those who received sole financial support from a scholarship smoked."

And now a fact of particular interest to you. There was a definite relationship between the grades of those freshmen and their smoking habits.

Only 16.7 percent of students with an "A" average smoked. Fifty-nine percent of the freshmen students with the lowest grades and an "E" average were smokers. Whether or not achievement and smoking can be identified with each other is difficult, but these are the facts.

Dr. Dorothy F. Dunn who performed this study forcefully urged that colleges reconsider their smoking regulations and institute programs to take the social pressure to smoke off of college freshmen.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH—Break the laxative habit with a sensible diet.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible in which when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

CONTRACT BRIDGE...

By B. Jay Becker

You're South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

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|-------|------|-------|------|
| South | West | North | East |
| 1♠    | Pass | 1♥    | Pass |
| 2♣    | Pass | 2♦    | Pass |

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠72 ♥KQ8 ♦53 ♣AKQJ73
2. ♠763 ♥85 ♦AQ4 ♣AQJ96
3. ♠9 ♥KJ63 ♦A8 ♣KQJ652
4. ♠K8 ♥6 ♦KJ92 ♣AJ874

1. Three notrump. One important principle of bidding is that if you underbid at one point, you try to correct it later on by making a strong bid to compensate for the previous underbid. Similarly, if you make an early overbid, you compensate for it by bidding in minimum terms thereafter.

Thus, the two club bid in this sequence clearly understated our values, though it was technically the correct rebid. Consequently, when partner now bids two diamonds, we cannot properly bid only two notrump because that would sound as though we were responding only in obedience to a forcing bid. We have the values for three notrump and we should state this in unmistakable terms.

2. Two spades. Here we have a minimum opening and we should treat it as such by rebidding in minimum terms. This is best accomplished by

bidding two spades over two diamonds.

It would be wrong to bid three diamonds instead. This would raise the level needlessly and at the same time show a preference for diamonds over spades based on strength. The basic aim in bidding is to play in the longest trump suit, not necessarily the strongest. North may easily have more spades than diamonds; he cannot have more diamonds than spades or he would have bid them first.

3. Two hearts. This bid is not made in the expectation that North can support hearts. The purpose is simply to caution partner that we have neither spade nor diamond support, and that we also have an aversion to notrump play even though all four suits are accounted for.

4. Four diamonds. Our hand zooms in value once North bids two diamonds, and we have to do more than simply raise to three diamonds to show the newly discovered values.

The opening club bid was of the minimum class, and the two club bid more or less identified this, but once North bids diamonds our hand takes on a brand new complexion. The singleton heart, the fitting king of spades, and the excellent trump support all indicate that not only a game but a slam is imminent. The best way of expressing these values is by a vigorous raise in diamonds.

today's GRAB BAG...

By Ruth Ramsey, Central Press Writer

THE ANSWER, QUICK!

1. When did Washington officially become the capital?
2. Name the first state admitted to the Union after the original 13 colonies.
3. Correctly, what is a cockney?
4. How long is the main span of San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge?
5. What four elements made up 90 per cent of the earth's crust?

BORN TODAY

America's artist of the sea and said, Winslow Homer was born in Boston in 1836.

After his school days he was apprenticed to a lithographer at the age of 19. Two years later he opened his own studio in Boston, specializing in drawings for wood engravings and book illustrations.

He moved to New York to study art at the night school of the National Academy of Design.

When the Civil War started, Harper's Weekly commissioned Homer to do sketches from the front lines. Some of his more enduring works — "Home, Sweet Home" and "Prisoners

from the Front" — stem from this period.

Though he studied in Paris briefly, he returned to America little influenced by the European schools and style of painting. His real interest was America, and his approach and subject matter were American — Union soldiers, Negro farmers, rough New England seas and Gloucester fisherman.

Despite the fame of his oil paintings, Homer's real reputation lies in his water colors, scenes from real life marked by rugged strength and a fresh originality rather than technical skill, special line or color technique.

Others born today are Adm. Chester Nimitz, actor Zachary Scott, baseball's Honus Wagner.

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1803, Chief Justice John Marshall ruled the Supreme Court had the power to declare invalid any act of Congress which, in the tribunal's opinion, was unconstitutional.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. In 1800.
2. Vermont.
3. Any person born within the sound of the Bow Bells of London.
4. 4,200 feet.
5. Oxygen, hydrogen, silicon and aluminum.



## COUNTYWIDE TRAFFIC GROUP IS PROPOSED



**MET HER IN ST. LOUIS:** Miss Ollie Mae Williams (with suitcase) gets her plane tickets at Ross field before departing for St. Louis training center as first Twin Cities area recruit in Women's Job Corps. From left are Mrs. S. A. Fassnacht, Miss Williams, Mrs. Del Sabin, Mrs. Clifford Tierney and Robert Berewit, youth counselor for Michigan Employment Security Commission. Mrs. Fassnacht, Mrs. Sabin and Mrs. Tierney are among volunteers screening applicants for Women's Job Corps. (Staff photo)

### Would Join In Safety Campaign

Representatives Of Various Police Agencies Meet

Representatives of state, county and municipal law enforcement units, where among eight men who will carry back to their superiors a proposal to organize the Berrien County Traffic Coordinating committee. They met yesterday at the Chicken Nook, St. Joseph, with Franklin H. Smith, president of the Twin Cities Area Safety Council, and the council's director, Robert Strumper.

The proposed committee is a key move in the Safety Council's plan to mount a county-wide fight against rising traffic accidents. Present were Chief Joseph Sieber of Benton township police department; Robert H. DeVries, representing St. Joseph township; Fire Chief Horton Neidinger of St. Joseph; Richard E. Wragg of Benton Harbor schools; Sgt. Don Ives of St. Joseph police department; Sgt. Mel Osment of the Michigan state police post at Paw Paw and Deputy Nigel Krickhahn of the Berrien county sheriff's department.

#### STRUMPER EXPLAINS

Strumper said the proposed traffic committee would be patterned after one operating in Kalamazoo county which, he said, has been highly successful. Because traffic problems are universal, Strumper said, the fight against them should be waged on a broad front.

Smith outlined the work of the safety council directors in seeking funds for an expanded program.

The representatives were asked to go back to their individual governing bodies and discuss the possibilities of such a cooperative venture in safety. The eventual traffic coordinating committee would work with highway department, judiciary, schools and other agencies connected with traffic.

#### PROPOSED ACTIONS

Some of the things the proposed committee would do are as follows:

1 — Continuous inventory and appraisal of the traffic situation; anticipation or early recognition of new problems due to industrial developments, population shifts and planning with authorities and others for their solution.

2 — Identifying weak spots in the present traffic situation; promoting detailed studies by competent specialists of functions of agencies not producing satisfactory results.

3 — Continuous contact with and assistance to officials having traffic responsibilities.

4 — Developing public support through public information media, community organizations, business and industry, for needed measures and improvement.

5 — Public education, without duplicating sound programs of other organizations, to develop acceptance of individual responsibility for safe use of public highways by all citizens.

6 — Coordination — not imposed but voluntary — through interchange of ideas and plans among all official and other agencies.

The committee planned to hold sessions on the fourth Thursday of each month.



**LIKE NEW HOME:** New headquarters at 615 Elm street, St. Joseph, is regarded as ideal location with quick nationwide communication and transportation links by executive board of American Society for Horticultural Science. Gathered here from all across U.S. are (seated, from left) Chairman John Carew, East Lansing, and President Henry Munger, Ithaca, N.Y. Standing are (from left) Sidney Yarnell, Greensboro, N.C.; W. A. Frazier, Corvallis, Ore.; President-Elect Neil Stuart, Silver Springs, Md.; and Executive Director Cecil Blackwell, St. Joseph. (Staff photo)

### More Jobs Than Men Available

Horticultural Engineers Said In Short Supply

The supply of horticultural graduates from U.S. colleges and universities is far short of the demand.

So short, in fact, that the executive committee of the American Society for Horticultural Science devoted much of its two-day conference in St. Joseph yesterday and today to the matter.

The five-member executive committee, which gathered from widely separated parts of the nation, also devoted part of the session to discussing ways to strengthen horticultural research.

The society opened its first permanent national headquarters at 615 Elm street, St. Joseph, about a year and a half ago. The executive group noted yesterday that the location is proving an excellent choice because of its central location and because of its immediate proximity to the national offices of a kindred organization, the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

Scheduled to wind up their session this afternoon were Henry Munger of New York, president; W. A. Frazier of Oregon; Neil Stuart of Silver Springs, Md., president-elect; Sidney Yarnell of North Carolina, editor; and Dr. John Carew of East Lansing, Mich., chairman of the board.

Carew said the committee explored various methods to encourage more students to enter the horticultural programs, including fruit and vegetable research and production, floriculture, and nursery and landscaping.

He added that virtually all universities with horticultural programs report many more job offers than they have graduates. Carew is head of the horticulture department at Michigan State university.

### Screening Women For Job Corps

New Service For Those Who Want Training

A screening service for Women's Job Corps is now operating in the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph area.

One applicant has been enrolled. Miss Ollie Mae Williams of Benton Harbor became the first from the area to enter the Women's Job Corps and is at the training center in St. Louis. She hopes to become a beautician.

Screening of applicants for

### Lie Test Could Wipe Out Charge

Berrien Prosecutor John Hammond said this morning he was studying the results of a lie detector test given Mrs. Ruby Whitelaw, 39, concerning missing Benton Harbor Municipal court documents.

Hammond said "results of the test appear favorable to her and we are considering the matter." He added that polygraph tests are not admissible in court but can be considered by the prosecutor in making a determination whether to press a case.

Municipal Judge Elizabeth Forhan told a reporter yesterday that Mrs. Whitelaw was arraigned on a five-count misdemeanor warrant and pleaded innocent. The judge said trial was scheduled for March 15 and bond of \$100 was continued.

However, the reporter could find no written record in the court of the arraignment.

The five counts allege petty larceny, larceny by conversion, obtaining property by false pretenses, receiving and concealing stolen property, and embezzlement. Five separate charges of a misdemeanor and four felonies against Mrs. Whitelaw were dismissed Wednesday.

The case stems from the alleged disappearance of court documents Jan. 8 in an insufficient fund check charge against James Alexander who pleaded innocent.

the federally-financed training program is handled nationally by Women in Community Service (WICS), a coalition of the national councils of Catholic, Jewish, Negro and United Church Women. Its function is to conduct volunteer programs for school dropouts and jobless young people.

Locally, WICS volunteers are working closely with the Michigan Employment Security Commission, the official agency for screening Men's Job Corps applicants.

#### 'RECRUITERS'

Conducting recruitment and screening for women in the Twin Cities are Mrs. S.A. Fassnacht, Mrs. Del Sabin, Mrs. Clifford Tierney and Mrs. W. Bertram Smith — all members of the National Council of Catholic Women. They are working as a branch of the Grand Rapids WICS office.

Young women in the area, ages 16 to 21, can obtain information on the Job Corps from the Michigan Employment Security Commission office, 800 Port street, St. Joseph.

The Women's Job Corps was established under the Economic Opportunity act of 1964. Its purpose is to provide career training for girls of low income families who have no other means of acquiring vocational education.

Robert Brown, director of "Showtime '67," the St. Joseph high school variety show, announced this morning that the production would be postponed one week.

The show will go on Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4 and reserved tickets will be honored on the respective dates. Brown said he was aware that the variety show might interfere with district basketball tournament play involving the St. Joseph Bears. But he said students participating in the variety show had worked too hard to cancel the show completely and due to the heavy auditorium schedule no other dates were available.

Brown said ticket holders who find the new dates inconvenient can return tickets to the box office for refunds.

### Pollution Of Hickory Creek Eyed

'Excellent Job,' Twin Cities Told

MUSKOGON — A Michigan Waterways Commission hearing today was to take up pollution of Hickory creek at Stevensville. The commission yesterday heard testimony on the St. Joseph river basin which covers part of northern Indiana and southern Michigan. Hickory creek flows into the St. Joseph river.

Robert Courchaine, commission regional director, said Michigan communities are doing a better job in pollution control than northern Indiana which has a heavy population density near the state line.

Courchaine conceded that Michigan has some minor problems from the mouth of the river to the state line but he said Benton Harbor and St. Joseph are doing an excellent job with their jointly operated sewage disposal plant.

Niles Township Supervisor John McDonald, asked for state help in controlling pollution of Brandywine creek where a 90 per cent kill of game fish occurred last October. Grover Kimmerle, Cass county drain commissioner, suggested that algae which is detrimental to game fish, be harvested as fertilizer. Kimmerle, who has hunted and fished in the St. Joseph river basin all his life, said "I don't have much time left, but there are a lot of people behind me."

**ASKS QUICK RULING** LANSING (AP) — Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley has urged the Federal Power Commission to make a fast decision in a case involving the construction of a natural gas pipeline across the Upper Peninsula.



**CONSIDER COORDINATING COMMITTEE:** Representatives of various public safety departments in the Twin Cities area will consider setting up a Berrien County Traffic Coordinating committee under the auspices of the Twin City Area Safety Council. Shown at meeting yesterday are from left, Benton Township Police Chief Joseph Sieber, Benton Harbor Capt. Keith R. Miles, Robert H. DeVries of St. Joseph township; St. Joseph Fire Chief Horton Neidinger, Robert Strumper, of Safety Council; Richard E. Wragg, of Benton Harbor schools; St. Joseph Sgt. Don Ives, Sgt. Mel Osment of State Police, and Berrien Sheriff's Deputy Nigel Krickhahn. (Staff photo)

### Block 4 'Concept' Approved

SJ Planners Like Holiday Inn Idea

The concept of a Holiday Inn motel, restaurant and banquet facility on St. Joseph's urban renewal Block 4 was approved yesterday afternoon by the St. Joseph planning commission.

Mar-Kay Development Co. of Benton Harbor, which proposes the 200-unit motel, now will send \$10,000 to Holiday Inn's central offices in Memphis, Tenn., to set that organization's wheels in motion on the deal, according to two Mar-Kay spokesmen.

Representing Mar-Kay were Vice President J.V. Burkett and Secretary Ralph Borchert.

They said they recognize the problem parking poses in the limited confines of Block 4, but feel its topography may make underground parking economically feasible.

Parking appears to be the key to the development proposed for the 75,000-square foot block bounded by Main, Ship, Port and State streets.

#### SOME DOUBTS

Although Holiday Inn has underground parking in some of its 800 motels, the organization has given a "preliminary opinion" that it may be too costly in view of the scope of the project and the site of St. Joseph.

Mar-Kay had to get preliminary approval of the plan from the city before Holiday Inn would even take a serious look at it, said Borchert and Burkett.

Now that they feel assured the city commission will approve the concept of the plan, they will send the \$10,000 to Holiday Inns, Inc., to get them to send their engineers to study



JAY STERLING

### Sterling Named To Budget Job

Heads Community Chest Committee

Jay U. Sterling was elected yesterday to serve as budget committee chairman for Twin Cities Community Chest.

The action was taken at the monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Chest, held in the Community Chest conference room at the YWCA, St. Joseph.

Sterling, a senior tax accountant for Whirlpool Corp., replaces Dr. Alvin Bytwork as head of the Chest budget unit. Bytwork resigned the post last month when he moved to Dallas, Tex., to accept a teaching position at Southern Methodist university.

Yesterday, Sterling also was elected to serve a one-year term on the board of directors of Community Chest. He replaces Justin J. Condon, who resigned recently when he accepted an industrial position in Milwaukee, Wis.

Community Chest President Benjamin Bittner yesterday made a number of committee appointments for 1967. They are:

Personnel — Robert L. Starks, chairman; Mrs. J. Robert Namez; Robert H. Jones and Randall (Red) Burch. Capital Funds and Property — Jack Martin, Charles McLochin, Earl H. Place, Dwight (Curly) Holland, James P. Owen, Mrs. Lester Tiscornia, Walter Holt, Paul Scott, Craig Niephaus, Wilbur March, Mrs. Michael Faber and Richard Seel.

Campaign — Donald L. Ladrow, chairman; Jack Martin, Thomas J. Millar and Mrs. J. Dean Owen.

Nominating — Randall Burch, Charles McLochin, Mrs. J. Dean Owen and Thomas J. Millar.

Annual Meeting — Mrs. Fielding Finch.

In other business, the Chest board received a request from Girl Scouts of Southwestern Michigan for an increase of \$2,200 in the 1967 Girl Scout budget to pay for an additional part-time professional staff worker. The request was referred to the Chest budget committee for study. William P. Mitchell, executive director of United Community Fund, announced that the Midwest regional conference of United Community Funds and Councils of America will be held March 19-22 in Grand Rapids. Twin Cities delegates will include Mitchell and Ted J. Rakstis, UCF public relations director.

#### STORM IN EUROPE

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — Savage winds which lashed Europe from the North Sea to the Alps throughout the night left a trail of wreckage and at least 23 persons dead or missing today.

### Tobias Still In Hospital

St. Joseph City Commissioner C. A. Tobias remained in Memorial hospital today, still suffering chest pains. He was stricken ill Wednesday. Dr. Gerald Beal told Mrs. Tobias an electrocardiogram conducted yesterday showed Tobias' heart as normal. Mrs. Tobias said she is sure her husband's problem is overwork.

### Local Stock Firm Is Moving

Roney's Gets New Offices

Effective Monday, William C. Roney & Co., member of the New York Stock Exchange, will be operating from its new office at 665 West Main street.

Today is the last day for the company at its present quarters in the Vincent Hotel.

The new location provides more office space and additional parking space for customers. Formal opening ceremonies will be held at a later date.

The Roney company is moving into office space formerly occupied by John Kinney's Consumers Docks. Kinney is building a new office at the rear of GAC Finance Corp., 667 West Main. GAC and Roney are in adjoining offices in the same building.

### WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT ASPIRIN



We all know it has many different drug effects. But doctors are finding that it has medicinal properties too. Read about aspirin's uses today — and about its amazing future. Just one of 41 articles and features in the March Digest. Get it today.

READER'S DIGEST



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## HEARING HELD ON ATOM PLANT AT COVERT

Dystrophy  
Drive Nets  
\$30,214Firemen, Other  
Volunteers See  
7.3% Increase

A total of \$30,214.49 was collected this year by 70 fire departments and volunteer groups participating in the Southwest Michigan Muscular Dystrophy campaign.

St. Joseph Fire Department Capt. Joseph Mitchell said this year's total is 7.3 per cent higher than last year's and brings to \$260,639.16 the amount collected in drives dating back to 1954.

"Each successful campaign brings us one step nearer to the cure for over 200,000 patients of muscular dystrophy whose only hope for survival lies in the success of our drive and the continuation of the research program which is now expanded to over 100 research centers," said Mitchell.

In the past year, five muscular dystrophy victims have died in this area, bringing to 13 the number who died in the past 2½ years. "We also found several new patients and now serve 50 in the Berrien, Cass, Allegan and Van Buren county areas," said Mitchell.

**GRAPHIC FIGURES**  
"The loss of 13 patients in recent months can better stress the importance of continuing the fight against dystrophy," said the campaign chairman.

Campaign costs were only \$262.67 and represented less than 1 per cent of the total collected. Included in campaign costs were postage, photogra-



**NO POKER GAME:** Although it looks as this group of St. Joseph firemen just ended (or started) a game of poker, they are really counting money raised in the Southwest Michigan Muscular Dystrophy fund drive. From left are Terry McNeil, Anthony Litke, Capt. Joseph Mitchell, Carl Conklin, Thomas Siewert and Henry Tunis. The St. Joseph fire department served as headquarters for the drive in which \$30,214.49 was collected.

phy, stationery and telephone calls. "No one was paid for their efforts, all of the 1,500 volunteers who worked have donated their time and hard work," said Mitchell.

The St. Joseph fire station, under the direction of Firechief Horton Neidlinger, served as headquarters for the four-county drive.

Mitchell named four persons "who contributed untold time and effort toward the overwhelming success of the campaign." Those cited were St. Joseph fireman Ronald Heppner, campaign secretary, Orville Schrage of Peoples State Bank of St. Joseph, campaign treasurer, plus Miss Marion Walker and James Frucci, co-chairmen at Niles.

**LARGEST GIFT**  
The largest single gift to the drive was \$800 made by UAW local 709 which represents

workers at the Rockwell Standard corporation at Allegan. A \$400 gift was made by Alpha Theta Sorority for patient care in the local area.

The organizations that helped and the amounts they raised include:

**BERRIEN COUNTY** — Baroda fire department, \$86.86; Berrien Springs fire department, \$420.06; Bertrand fire department, \$342.11; Benton Harbor fire department, \$32,559.07; Benton township fire department, station one collected \$230.77, station two collected \$383.30 and station three collected \$537.62; Bridgman fire department, \$154.15; Buchanan township fire department, \$111; Coloma fire department, \$722.00; Eau Claire fire department, \$328.43; Gallien fire department, \$242.39; Lake Michigan Beach fire department, \$322.20; Lake township fire department, \$125.33; Lakeside fire department, \$14; Niles township fire department, \$206.49; Niles fire department, National Association of the Physically Handicapped and Portifino restaurant, \$1,621.84; New Buffalo Service League and New Buffalo Junior Women's club, \$254.88; St. Joseph township fire department, station one, \$1,300.17, station two, \$916.99; St. Joseph fire department, \$4,424.12; Morris Farms fire department, \$240.50; Sodus Township, \$429.76; Sodus fire department, \$478.07; Sawyer fire department, \$19.11; Three Oaks fire department, \$574.90; Watervliet Combined Appeal, \$212.75; Weesaw township fire department, \$287.99; Southwest ern Michigan Go-Kart club, \$552.

**CASS COUNTY** — Cassopolis fire department, \$577.71; Dowagiac fire department, \$441.49; Edwardsburg high school students and fire department, \$893.08; Indian Lake fire department, \$10; Newberg-Porter township fire department, \$75; Pokagon township fire department, \$120; Porter township fire department, \$35; Twin Lake fire department, \$8; Penn township fire department, \$71.62; Howard township fire department, \$381.27.

**VAN BUREN COUNTY** — Bangor, \$50; Bloomingdale fire department, \$109.10; Covert Combined Appeal, \$10; Decatur fire department, \$58.10; Gobles Combined Appeal, \$150; Hartford fire department, \$168.47; Keeler fire department, \$8; Lawton fire department, \$5; Lawrence fire department, \$202.09; Paw Paw (canisters), \$167; South Haven fire department, \$1,154.85; Sister Lakes fire department auxiliary, \$293.17.

**ALLEGAN COUNTY** — Allegan fire department, \$2,489.08; Fennville fire department, \$247.20; Casco township fire department, \$165.24; Pullman fire department, \$107.25.

The Thomas J. Collins chapter of the Demolay at Sturgis in St. Joseph county also collected \$791.05.

Zollar Cites  
Importance  
Of BillTo Keep State On  
Standard Time

**LANSING** — The bill passed Thursday by the Senate to keep Michigan on Eastern Standard Time is doubly important to southwestern Michigan, according to senator Charles Zollar, R-Benton township.

Zollar, a co-sponsor of Senate Bill 1, explained that were Michigan to go on Eastern Daylight time, it could open a gap of two hours between southwestern Michigan and nearby Indiana and Chicago areas, if Indiana and Illinois remain on Central Standard time.

The only opposition to staying out of the daylight saving time provisions of a new federal law came from Detroit area Senators. The vote yesterday was 26 to 6.

Zollar said it appears the bill will also get a favorable reception in the House.

Before the Senate acted, the attorney general rendered an opinion the bill applied to the entire state, including the upper peninsula. A question had arisen whether it covered the entire state.

## SCIENCE TALKS

**LANSING (AP)** — The Michigan Science Teachers Association holds its 14th annual convention in Lansing Saturday. More than 1,500 delegates are expected.

Emphasis  
On Safety  
PrecautionsDecision On  
License May  
Come In Month

By JIM DONAHUE  
South Haven Bureau  
**COVERT** — A hearing yesterday on Consumer Power Company's application to the Atomic Energy Commission for a license to build a \$100 million atomic power plant in Covert township was adjourned until 9:30 a.m. today.

An estimated 70 persons, the majority of them representing Consumers Power Co., the State of Michigan and the Atomic Energy Commission, crammed the smoke-filled town hall in Covert to give testimony before a three-member Atomic Safety and Licensing board appointed by the AEC.

The board was composed of chairman Arthur W. Murphy, of the Columbia University school of law; Dr. Eugene Greuling, professor of physics at Duke University; and Dr. Charles E. Winters, of the Union Carbide Corporation's Parma Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

The purpose of the hearing, Murphy explained in an introductory statement was to "look into the safety and health aspects of radioactivity" and to determine whether the engineering plans for the plant will contain the ultimate in safety design.

**NO OBJECTIONS**  
Murphy said that no objections to the proposed project were raised by citizens prior to a Feb. 10 deadline and the pre-hearing conference held on that date. Thus the hearing was declared uncontested.

He said it would be the function of the board from this point on to hear any testimony that may be made, ask specific questions about the construction plans, and then decide whether or not the license will be granted.

An AEC spokesman said that the board may make its decision within the next month. He said that the board then has another 45 days in which it may intervene, even though plant construction may be under way.

Murphy also said that the AEC would continue to review the construction of the plant, and the application for operation, as well as oversee plant operations.

In his opening remarks to the



**LIBRARY IN SHOWER ROOM:** Looking over books in the new library resource center at Washington elementary school, Coloma, are student Mary Beth Kolberg, library aid Mrs. Rose Feury, Principal Mrs. Maxine Brule, and students Greg Dabieci and Mary Kay Kolberg. The library was recently established in what used to be the girl's shower room. (Marion Leedy photo)

board, Consumers vice president Robert C. Allen, who is in charge of the Palisades project, reported that his company hopes to begin construction in March with May 1, 1970 the target date for completion.

Allen told the board the plant was so designed "that even if the worst accident we have envisioned does occur, the safety of the public will be protected."

**UTILITY SPOKESMAN.**

The company executive explained the proposed safety checks in the proposed plant construction. "In our case," he said, "the maximum hypothetical accident is a double-ended break in the largest reactor coolant pipe which occurs when the reactor is operating at the highest output of which it is believed to be capable."

"If not counteracted, this accident would deprive the core of cooling water and result in a release of energy and radioactivity within the containment structure," Allen continued.

"In the Palisades plant, this result will be prevented by the immediate inrush into the reactor vessel of boric acid from pressurized safety injection tanks."

What Allen was saying was that a volume of some 4,000 cubic feet of boric acid would be automatically, or manually dumped into the radioactive

water in the damaged area. The boric acid would act as a "natural poison" to neutralize the radioactivity in the area to a safe level.

During the formal hearing, the board spent a good deal of time examining the safety devices for spraying the boric water, as well as the design of the primary coolant system where water will be flowing directly around the reactors.

Members of the board were also concerned about the possible damage that could be caused by "an act of God" such as an earthquake or tornado. On hand to answer questions and give testimony was a team of engineers and specialists from Consumers Power Co. and Bechtel Corp., which is designing the plant. Also a panel of representatives of the division of reactor licensing for the AEC was present to report their findings after reviewing the construction plans.

On the AEC team were Thomas F. Engelhardt, counsel for the regulation staff, and consultants Karl R. Goller and Richard E. Ireland.

These men all testified that to the best of their knowledge, the safety devices proposed for the plant were adequate to provide full protection for the public.

They said that the plant's critical components that would be connected with radioactive material would be so constructed that a natural catastrophe like tornado would not endanger the public.

The State of Michigan was represented by Assistant Atty. Gen. Jerome Maslowski who introduced Donald VanFarow, of the Michigan Department of Health, and Thomas R. Doyle, of the Department of Conservation. Both read testimony to the effect that construction and operation of the plant would not be a threat to the health and safety of the public, or the natural conservation of the area.

The board was expected to conclude its hearing by noon today.

## 'SOUND OF MUSIC'

Talent Show  
At Andrews U  
Tomorrow

**BERRIEN SPRINGS** — Selections from "The Sound of Music" will provide the theme for the Andrews university talent festival at 8 p.m. Saturday in the physical education building.

Both undergraduate and graduate students will compete in four divisions: piano, instrumental, variety and vocal with winners selected by the audience voting on business machine tabulating cards.

Contestants include pianists, trumpeters, a trombone trio, a reader, folk singers, a choral group, yodeler and several vocalists. Ted Killy, a University of Michigan student, will be master of ceremonies.

Tickets will be available at the door.

## Sprinkler Ruptures

Benton Harbor firemen at 8:35 a.m. yesterday, were called to Covet Manufacturing Co., 260 North Shore drive, when a sprinkler head ruptured. No fire occurred.

Shower  
Room Used  
By LibraryLatest Example Of  
Crowded Condition  
At Coloma School

**COLOMA** — It is so crowded in the Washington elementary building of Coloma Community schools that a shower room has had to be pressed into service as a library resource center.

And it's not the first time Washington school Principal Mrs. Maxine Brule has had to improvise. In the past classrooms were set up on an auditorium stage, in a school bus, in a boiler room, in the lobby, administrative office and even in the school kitchen. (That temporarily housed kindergarten pupils and was nicknamed the kindergarten room).

The transition from girl's shower room to library was accomplished with school administration approval after a coach, who holds basketball practice in the all-purpose room, agreed to use one shower instead of two for his students.

The new library has 262 new books, mostly reference volumes. The books in the resource center were obtained through federal grants and more books from the 1967 grant are due.

Because of limited space, only one or two children from each classroom are allowed to visit the library at a time.

"The resource room is working out very well," said Mrs. Brule. "It makes the reading material available to each room to supplement the self-contained classroom libraries."

Lawrence  
Merger  
ConsideredWould Combine  
With Hartford

**LAWRENCE** — Discussion of the possible merger of the Lawrence and Hartford school districts is continuing by the school boards and administrators in the two districts.

The two boards this week met for the third time in recent months to discuss consolidation. "We are in the process of evaluating both systems and trying to outline the advantages and disadvantages of a possible merger," said Lawrence School Supt. Wesley Harding of the meeting held at Lawrence.

The next meeting has been scheduled for April 18 at Hartford. "We intend to bring in outside people such as from the state Department of Education at future meetings," he said.

There are 828 students in the Lawrence district and 1,476 in the Hartford district.

Sheriff Car  
Crashes On  
Hospital Run

A Berrien County sheriff's patrol car was involved in a minor two-car crash about 9:20 last night on Pipestone road at I-94 in Sodus township while taking an injured prisoner to Berrien county hospital at Berrien Center.

There were no injuries reported in the crash. A patrol car driven by Sgt. Murvin Merrill collided with a car driven by Elise Baumann, 40, route 1, Territorial road, Benton Harbor, while taking Louis Charles Potts, 21, of 118 Plum street, Benton Harbor, to the hospital.

Jailer Edward Whitfield said he found Potts, who is being held in jail for trial on a larceny from a building charge, on the floor of his cell in a pool of blood about 8:15 last night.

Information on how Potts was injured and his condition were unavailable early today, but one deputy indicated Potts may have blacked out and fallen.

## Extinguish Blaze

**NEW BUFFALO** — Employees at Plastic Masters, Inc., plant on US-12 near here put out a minor fire in a machine about 7:45 a.m. today. A plant employee said the blaze apparently started in a finishing machine. New Buffalo firemen were alerted but were not called to the plant.



**ODD PLACE FOR BLOOM:** Mrs. Arie Schilpzand shows amaryllis with an unusually placed cluster of flowers at base of conventional long stems each topped with five blossoms. Short-stemmed bloom near top of bulb has four flowers. Mrs. Schilpzand and her husband, operators of Boyer road bulb gardens near Coloma, imported this Royal Dutch variety from Holland. Mrs. Schilpzand plans to return to The Netherlands for spring bulb show. It will be first trip back to her homeland since Schilpzands emigrated to United States 21 years ago. (Marion Leedy photo)

Young Farmers  
To Be HonoredTwin Cities, Bangor Jaycee  
Event Set March 9

Outstanding Young Farmers chosen by the Twin Cities and Bangor Jaycees will be honored at a banquet March 9, when one of the two will be announced as district winner.

John Cruce of Benton Harbor, district chairman for the young farmer recognition project, said the banquet will be held at the Youth Memorial Building, Berrien Springs, starting at 7 p.m.

A speaker, well known in the agricultural field, has been tentatively arranged, Cruce said, but his name was not released pending confirmation.

Tickets, meanwhile, are on sale for the event at \$2.75 from the Young Farmer project chairman in each of the Jaycee chapters in southwestern Mich-

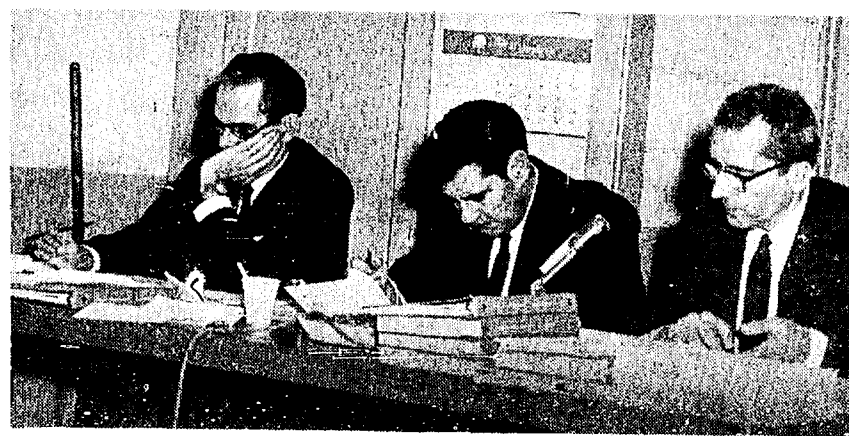
Farm Worker's  
Death Said Due  
To Asphyxiation

The death of a 51-year-old Pipestone township farm worker, Hugh Leo Martin, has been determined accidental due to asphyxiation, according to Berrien county sheriff's deputies.

Martin was found dead Wednesday in a cabin on the Leo Burbach farm, Staley road, Eau Claire. The ruling on the death, deputies said, was made by Dr. Richard E. Lininger.

## Junk Mail

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Congress will be asked this year to make so-called junk mail pay its own way.



**AEC BOARD HOLDS HEARING:** Special safety and licensing board appointed by Atomic Energy Commission hears testimony during hearing yesterday on Consumers Power Co. application to build nuclear-powered generating plant on Lake Michigan in Covert township. Board members (from left) are Dr. Eugene Greuling, physics professor, Duke university; Arthur W. Murphy, Columbia University School of Law, and Dr. Charles E. Winters of Union Carbide's Parma Research center, Cleveland, Ohio. (Staff photo)

Michigan Week Mayor  
Pairings Announced

**LANSING (AP)** — Mayors of Michigan's big cities will discuss their big problems and village presidents will tell their own troubles in this year's annual Michigan Week exchange.

Pairings of the visits by the mayors and presidents were decided Thursday on a population basis.

Four different population categories were paired this year. The change from the open drawings of former years was made at the request of the smaller communities.

The exchange will be on May 22-designated as Government Day during Michigan Week.

Following are the pairings for southwestern Michigan communities:

Benton Harbor - Muskegon; Niles-Three Rivers; St. Joseph-Tecumseh; Allegan-Norway; Buchanan-Milford; South Haven-Grosse Pointe; Bangor-Byron; Baroda-St. Charles; Berrien Springs-Gaspar; Cassopolis-Dimondale; Coloma-Decatur; Cassopolis-Vandalla; Three Oaks-

Elsie; Lawton-Fruitport; Paw Paw-Kingsley; Eau Claire-Harville; Sagautuc-K-Grosse Pointe Shores.

And Bridgman-Harrietta; Hartford-Dryden; Shoreham-Springport; Michiana-South Rockwood; New Buffalo-Hubbardsville-Walkerville; Galesburg-Suttons Bay; Gallen-Climax; Edwardsburg-Baraga; Dowagiac-Cadillac; Mattawa-Walkaska; and Portage-Roseville.



## Republicans Gathering In Detroit

### Romney May Come Under Fire

DETROIT (AP)—Some 3,000 Michigan Republicans began gathering for their state convention today, ready to welcome party standard bearer George Romney home from a seven-day tour of the western United States.

Gov. Romney and newly elected Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., will be the featured attractions at the convention, where Republicans will elect officers and discuss party policy.

Romney returned early today night from a trip to Alaska, Utah, Idaho, New Mexico and Arizona.

The third-term governor, considered a prime contender for the 1968 GOP presidential nomination, said his tour grew out of a number of Lincoln Day invitations.

However, Democrats criticized the trip as a campaign tour designed to help Romney win western votes.

Romney may be returning in time to hear criticism of his plans from some fellow Republicans.

Representatives of the 14th District, led by conservative Richard Duran, were expected to oppose Romney's proposed state income tax plan.

Duran, a frequent critic of Romney, said Wednesday his and at least three other districts will oppose party endorsement of an income tax unless it is tied to the vote of the people.

The 14th District chairman and his supporters have raised similar protests at prior conventions.

The 1,522 delegates and an equal number of delegates will hear from Percy at a general session Saturday at which a



CONFERENCE: Michigan Gov. George Romney, left, is greeted in Phoenix by Arizona Gov. Jack Williams just prior to a meeting of the two men Thursday. Romney, a leading contender for the 1968 Republican presidential nomination, was in town for a round of talks with state GOP leaders, and address to the legislature and a conference with Williams, freshman GOP governor. (AP Wirephoto)

state of party officers will be chosen.

State Chairman Elly Peterson of Charlotte and First Vice Chairman William McLaughlin of Northville are unopposed for re-election.

Mrs. Peterson's only announced opposition, the Rev. Ray Shoulders of Detroit, quit the Republican Party Tuesday and announced he was turning Democrat.

The Negro minister said he was leaving the party because it did not give proper representation to Negroes.

Shoulders, coordinator for the Michigan Human Rights Commission, said he made up his mind after talking with party members over his candidacy and being told they "could not support me because I am a Negro."

In the race for second vice chairman, incumbent Joe Bell faces opposition from Earl Kennedy, a State central committee member. Both are from Detroit.

## He Could Have Used Dog Sled

### Romney Returns; Still No Decision

By RON KARLE  
DETROIT (AP)—That dog-sled Gov. George Romney piloted to victory in a race with the governor of Alaska last week would have come in handy Thursday night.

A blizzard returned for 3 1/2 hours Romney's delay to Michigan from his seven-day western tour. His plane was forced to circle O'Hare International Airport at Chicago for three hours because of the snow weather.

The 59-year-old governor arrived at Metropolitan Airport near Detroit about 2:15 a.m.—travel weary and unshaven. But he still was quick to evade questions on his possible trip for the 1968 GOP presidential nomination.

A spokesman asked, "Who is the frontrunner for your party's nomination?"

"I'll let the people decide," Romney said.

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## Serving The Nation

### HOME ON LEAVE

Spec. 4/c Porter F. Renfrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Logan Renfrow of 1212 Ravenna, Benton Harbor, is home on a 30-day leave.

He served with the 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry in Viet Nam for one year. Following his leave, he will be stationed at Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

His wife, Lillian, and son reside with his parents.

REPORTS FOR DUTY  
Machinery Repairman 1/c Glenn H. Schlutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvie C. Schlutt of 3994 Royallton road, St. Joseph, has reported for duty aboard the USS Amphion in Norfolk, Va.

Before coming to the Amphion, Schlutt was stationed on the USS Saratoga.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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LOST—50¢ old male Collie pup. So. Waterford rd. Bainbridge. Reward. Geo. H. Martin 463-8277.

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Card of Thanks  
2  
THE FAMILY OF Edward L. Congdon wishes to thank all friends, neighbors, relatives, for their kind expressions of sympathy during our recent bereavement. Also a special thanks to Rev. Homer, Mercy Hospital, Ambulance service & Reiser's Funeral Home.

LEWIS CONGON  
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BARBARA HARRIS

In Memoriam  
3  
In Loving Memory of LILLIE M. COUCH, who passed away February 23, 1967.

Do not ask us if we miss her. We miss her every hour. We miss her every day. We miss her every minute. We miss her every second. We miss her every hour. We miss her every day. We miss her every minute. We miss her every second.

DAUGHTERS & SONS  
4  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF Mrs. Inez Olenko, who passed away 2 years ago today, February 24, 1965.

And today a lonely heartache. And today a silent tear. And today a beautiful memory. Of the one we loved so dear.

Persons  
5  
TWO GRAVE LOTS—In North Shore Memory Gardens. \$200. Phone IN 3-6533.

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